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WHITEWATER, WIS., April 4, 1900.

John Muir,

Respected Sir, -

I have just been reading your article in the April Atlantic Monthly on "The Forests of the Yosemite Park" with great interest. I can't help thinking, what a pity that Mr. Emerson's friends were so senseless and inappreciative!

I have a hunger for such scenery as you describe, and your book on the Mountains of California stirred up my longings immensely; but my work and responsibilities tie me fast, and I have never yet had liberty to gratify my craving for mountain air to any extent. I hope, some day, to be able to indulge myself a little. How what I am coming at is this: How and where can I get the most of real nature in

the shortest time. ^{Parks of} ~~Salisbury~~ ^{Salisbury} fear you will not sympathize with this question; you will feel that time ought not to be pinched so closely. But if a hungry man had only two or three weeks at his command for the Yosemite valley and park, what itinerary would be the most satisfactory and practicable, to a "tenderfoot"?

I recognize the degree of presumption involved in my coming to you, who know me not, with such a question; but I feel sure that you can give me wiser advice than I can possibly get elsewhere. If you will kindly sketch me an itinerary of, say, two weeks, selecting those points of greatest natural interest that can be strung on one circuit, including the Valley, and as much as may be of forest, I shall appreciate the service deeply. If I am asking too much, just drop this into the fire, or hand it to some one having a business interest in Sierra pilgrims.

Very truly yours,
Albert Salisbury.